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1. The 2 Bulgarian Army, commanded by Major General Dzhurov, is located in Plovdiv. Colonel Kilsimov is in command of the artillery. The 2 Army is composed of the following units:

- a. An unidentified tank brigade, [] approximate strength 1,000, stationed in Plovdiv; this unit includes a tank school; 25X1
- b. An unidentified transport regiment, [] stationed in Plovdiv; 25X1
- c. An unidentified infantry regiment, stationed in Peshtera;
- d. An unidentified heavy artillery regiment, stationed on Ulitsa Kazarmena, in Pazardzhik; and
- e. The 35 Regiment, [] whose garrison is also at Ulitsa Kazarmena, in Pazardzhik. 25X1

2. The 35 Regiment, subordinate to 2 Bulgarian Army, is a special unit, strength 600 men, and has the character of a military school. The men training here learn the following subjects:

- a. Topography;
- b. Gunnery;
- c. Mine-laying;
- d. Demolition work, etc.

This regiment also supplies other units with instructors. It was the first Bulgarian regiment to receive Soviet-type uniforms and Soviet military regulations.

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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3. The 35 Regiment, commanded by an unidentified major who was formerly a partisan and was trained by the Soviet Army, includes the following officer personnel:
 - a. Second in command, an unidentified captain;
 - b. Adjutant in charge of political matters, an unidentified captain;
 - c. Adjutant in charge of supplies, an unidentified captain; and
 - d. Adjutant in charge of military police, an unidentified lieutenant.
4. The 35 Regiment is composed of the following units:
 - a. Three infantry companies, each with approximately 100 men; two companies are commanded by captains and one by a lieutenant; each company has either two or three platoons;
 - b. One auxiliary company of approximately 100 men;
 - c. One artillery company of three batteries with 100-120 men, commanded by a captain; and
 - d. One tank company with approximately 60 men.
5. The first battery of the artillery company is a mountain artillery unit, whose equipment includes seven guns of the following makes:
 - a. Krupp 75 mm. guns; and
 - b. Soviet ZIS 76 mm. D-20-1943 guns.

The second battery of the artillery company is an antitank unit, whose equipment is composed of four German Rheinmetall 50 mm. guns, two of which are used for training purposes. The third battery of the artillery company is an antiaircraft unit equipped with 20 Rheinmetall 25 mm. guns, transported by approximately 40 horses and by half-tracks from the Plovdiv transport regiment. These half-tracks are Mabachs and German Fords.
6. The tank company, commanded by Lieutenant Petur Borisov Dimitrov, is equipped with nine tanks which have the following characteristics:
 - a. Armor: up to eight centimeters thick;
 - b. Weapons: one 50 mm. gun, one Maksim machine gun, and one antiaircraft gun;
 - c. Tracks: steel, with steel covers;
 - d. Crew: a tank commander, a driver, two gunners, a machine-gunner, and a radio operator.
7. The daily schedule of 35 Regiment is as follows:

4:30 a.m.: Reveille for artillery units; other units have reveille at 5:00 a.m.; (15 minutes of gymnastics and 15 minutes for dressing);

6:00 a.m.: Drill.

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7:00 a.m.: Rest period.
 7:15 a.m.: Political instruction.
 7:30 a.m.: Roll call.
 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon: Study period.
 12:00 noon: Dinner.
 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.: Recreation.
 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.: Study.
 6:00 p.m.: Rest
 7:30 p.m.: Supper.
 8:30 p.m.: Recreation.
 9:30 p.m.: Evening roll call and lights out.

8. A Durzhavna Sigurnost (State Security) "Regiment" is stationed at Pazardzhik in the old prison. The men are armed with Shpagin Soviet submachine guns and carry pistols. Personnel of the "regiment" wear blue caps with a red stripe as its only distinguishing mark.¹
9. Compulsory service in Bulgaria is as follows:
- a. Infantry, two and one-half years;
 - b. Engineers, two and one-half years;
 - c. Artillery, three and one-half years;
 - d. Tank Force, four years;
 - e. Border Guards, four years;
 - f. Air Force, four years;
 - g. State Security, four years; and
 - h. Navy, five years.
10. [redacted] officers serving with 35 Regiment: 25X1
- a. Major Nazhdenov, commanding officer of 35 Regiment, [redacted] 25X1
 - b. Captain Georgiev, political officer, [redacted] 25X1
 - c. Captain Kalinkov, officer in charge of exercises; [redacted] 25X1
 - d. Lieutenant Tashukov, commanding officer of the military police, [redacted] 25X1

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e. Lieutenant Benjamin Nathan, deputy commander of the military police,

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f. Captain Gentchev, commanding officer of artillery company;

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g. Lieutenant Petrov, commanding officer of tank company,

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h. Lieutenant Krekmanov, officer in the artillery company;

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11. The following legend refers to a sketch on page 6 showing installations of 35 Regiment and the unidentified heavy artillery regiment stationed in Ulitsa Kazarmena:

LEGEND

1. Main entrance.
2. Stone wall, two meters high.
3. Guard post at gate.
4. Store.
5. The 35 Headquarters Regiment.
6. Two-story barracks. The artillery and tank troops are housed on the ground floor and the infantry on the first floor.
7. Canteen.
8. Food storehouse.
9. Kitchens.
10. Jail.
11. Offices of service troops.
12. Stables.
13. Sleeping quarters for stablemen.
14. Reservoir.
15. Truck garage.
16. Fodder storehouse.
17. Depot for scrapped guns, etc.
18. Firing range.
19. Parking space for tanks and guns.

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20,21,22, and 23. Depots for explosives, ammunition and military stores.

24. Arms depot (rifles).

25. Hospital.

26. Sports ground.

27. Infantry barracks.

28. Headquarters of Heavy Artillery Regiment.

29. Barracks for Heavy Artillery Regiment.

30. Army repair shop.

31. Carpentry and other workshops.

32. Second entrance gate.

33. Latrines.

34. Hall for regimental band.

35. Showers.

36. Laundry.

37. Fields.

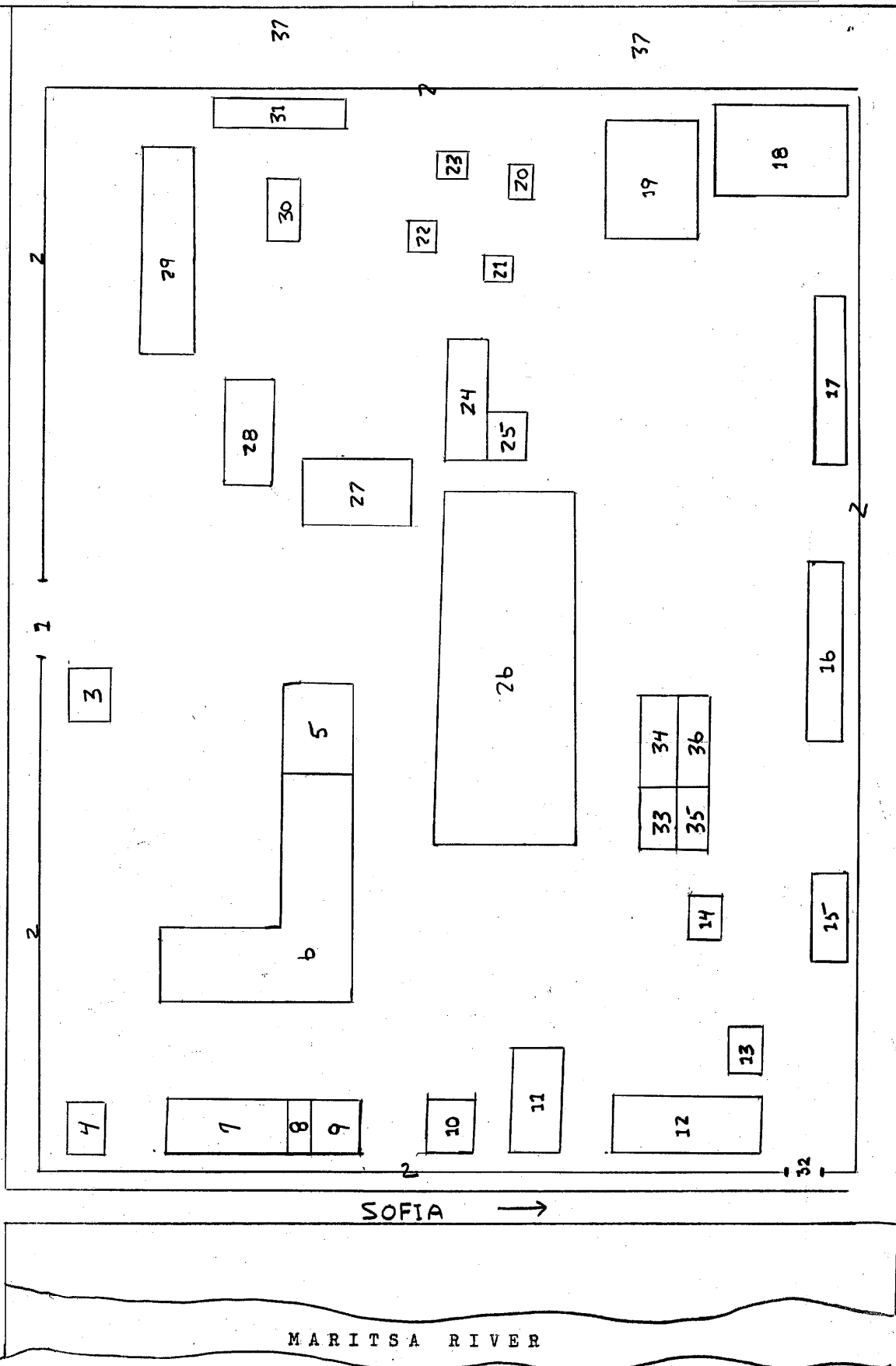


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